

Pictou 20th Nov 1852

My Dear Miss Weston, I thankfully and gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the anti-slavery publications which you have sent especially Uncle Tom's Cabin. They have served as an antidote to the poison of priest Guthrie of Greenock Uncle Tom's Cabin is perpetually circulating the two volumes never going in company, such works are needed in the present age.

It is easiest and best to teach young children by pictures and ^{as} the world is still in infancy it requires pictures to teach it its duty. Besides being read with avidity it is the theme of conversation if you happen to hear two or three people conversing together you will be sure to hear something of poor Uncle Tom. "But Topsy says one after talking of her awhile another says and Dinah I declare I'm like Dinah myself I like to have two many things handy." I tell you what says another in my opinion Casey and George Harris are the only real manly characters in the book as for Uncle Tom himself he

is nothing but a poor pre-ordained Victoria for
too impossible for a manly Christian to be either
a slave or a slave holder. But it is well
for your patience that time is valuable to me
just now so I must cut short.

The Misses Larrison and I have been able to
collect a few articles of Indian work they are not such
good specimens as I have seen but when we tell
the Squaws to make to order they charge an exor-
bitant price. We have marked the donors name
on each article with the price that it would bring at
our Bazaar, but you can alter the prices to suit your
own market. Fill the little baskets with cables
and sell for 12 1/2 cents or what you think they are
worth, but 50 cents on the bonnet basket.

If I had time I would have lined the skull cap with
red silk but it must go as it is as the Regent is almost
sailing.

Miss Jane Larrison joins me in kindest
regards and best wishes for you and yours.

S. M. McPhail

A. List of the Articles

- 1 Scull Cap
- 2 Round quill Boxes
- 2 Cigar Cases
- 2 Pin cushions
- 1 Needle Book
- 2 Small Comb Boxes
- 2 Candles with figures
- 3 Ditto without
- 4 Small Baskets
- 1 Round Basket

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